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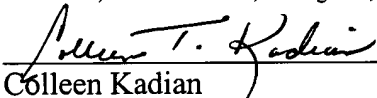
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of May 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.